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In the Dark

By CAMILLA J. KNIGHT

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It was early and very few of the chorus were in their seats. The conductor left the platform and came to the contralto section.

"Good evening, Miss Clover," he said. "I have to be away tomorrow for your lesson hour. Can you come Wednesday at 5 instead?"

"Certainly," she answered. "That will be all right."

"I'll introduce your neighbor to you while I'm here. Mr. Osborne, Miss Leighton. You ought to be acquainted, sitting here side by side. I've never noticed you say a word to each other."

"The girl's how was very odd, the man's more cordial, and one might have imagined a twinkle in his eye as he said:

"Thank you, Mr. Fielding. I think the members of a choral society should be friendly."

"That's right, that's right. Just like our big family, you know. My only thought, I wouldn't have believed it of you, Osborne, to sit beside a pretty girl during rehearsal after rehearsal and not get acquainted with her. At your age I'd have thought of some way to overcome the conventions, but now you're properly introduced, so it's all right. Miss Clover, he's eminently respectable—ancestors in the Revolution, and all that." And he walked away chuckling.

"Clover, little white Clover," murmured the man. The girl turned to ward him indignantly.

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The hand was promptly taken care of and the most soothing treatment possible applied. The girl's nerves had been on a strain all the evening and her self-control had given way at last.

Osborne's comical comments on the situation did much to restore her self-possession, but he made no move toward restoring her hand. In the buzz of conversation and the confusion of people trying to get together wraps and music in the dark a voice sounded from the doorway:

"Here you are, ladies and gentlemen. Right this way. Choose your partners for the grand march, or, if you can't see to choose, take anybody. Salute your partners, chain up the middle and down the side, all swing around and circulate. I don't know anything about dancing—was brought up a Methodist. What's that, Mr. Meredith. Now, gentlemen, no lady must be allowed to go home alone in the dark, so if you'll just step up and sing out the name of your best girl or somebody else's well try and see that you are served. Like the big receptions, you know—Mrs. Swell's carriage, Mrs. Vanostreffer's carriage. Who? Miss Everedson is wanted. So he ran on with his nonsense.

"We are so near the front we might as well wait a little," Osborne had said. No use getting into the crowd. How that fellow does go on. Good thing too. Keeps people from getting nervous."

"How awfully dark it is," said Miss Clover presently. "Let's get down toward the door now." So they started. Immediately after she had caused his spirits to rise by asking, almost in her old familiar manner, "Is my hat on straight?" as if he could see.

Three bicycle lamps do not make much impression on the total darkness of a large hall. Every one was jolly and good natured and laughing at the young man's remarks as they worked their way toward him.

As Osborne and Miss Clover stood waiting for a moment she said softly: "I don't think you need hold both your hands. Now that we can see a little, I shan't get lost."

"You might, you know. I'm not taking any chances. I don't intend to lose you again—ever," adding as he stooped over her, "my little white Clover."

She said nothing, but his heart answered as he felt the slightest unobtrusive pressure of the hands he held. "Oh, this blessed darkness!" he murmured fervently.

"He decided not to wait."

"Lucinda," said Mr. Melstrum, who had just returned from a visit to a farmer friend in the country, "while I was at Longley's I ate some whole wheat bread. Like it better than anything I ever tasted. He gave me a small paper sack of the wheat, so we could cook some ourselves. How long will it be before supper is ready?"

"About half an hour," answered Mrs. Melstrum.

"Well, we'll have some boiled wheat, if you please. Here's the paper sack."

"But, Joshua, it will have to be cooked in a double boiler, and—"

"I don't care how you cook it. I'm hungry for some more boiled wheat."

"But see here, Joshua, it will take—"

"It will take a lot of cream and sugar. I know that. But we've got plenty of both. Put it on right away, will you?"

Without another word his wife took the wheat, washed it, emptied it into the double boiler and set it on the fire.

At the end of half an hour Mr. Melstrum became impatient.

"Lucinda," he called out from the sitting room, "isn't that wheat ready yet?"

"Not yet," responded Mrs. Melstrum. "How much longer is it going to take to cook that?"

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GRATITUDE Versus JEALOUSY
By Robert Jermain Cole
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Julia Forman watched her two friends run down the beach together and plunge, with a shout of laughter, into the big wave that rolled up to meet them. It made a pleasant sight for the crowd on the sands, but Julia was not in a mood to be an impartial spectator. She had come down for three days, she could not swim, and she thought the time was too short in which to try to learn.

Allan Wright and Boss Hart were water comrades of many summers. Julia would not spoil their sport. She had known Allan Wright only in town, and here she felt almost like an intruder. They had urged her to join them, but she fancied it was from politeness.

Seating herself on the sand, Julia began to dig a furrow with the heel of her small shoe. Then she looked at

her, but did not turn. Then Allan's voice asked:

"Did you think three days so long a time to spend with your friends, Miss Forman, that you must run away and steal an hour of that from us?"

Julia could not trust herself to answer. The young man waited a moment before he tried again.

"Have you forgotten the last talk we had in the city?" he asked.

"No, I have not forgotten," said Julia in a low tone.

"When I heard you were coming I thought we could go on where we left off," persisted the voice over her shoulder. Then Julia turned. When she spoke her voice had a resolute vibration. "You don't know what I was thinking when I went down for her?"

"If I didn't save her you would never forgive me. Not that I shouldn't have tried anyway, but when I thought of you I simply could not fail." An incredulous look stole into Julia's eyes.

"You don't mean you were thinking of anybody but Boss at such a moment?" she asked.

"It is only that," returned Allan. "It even flashed through my mind that I wished it were you that I was saving. It would be very sweet to have you owe your life to me."

"That would not be a very big debt," said Julia, speaking as lightly as she could and trying to smile up at him. The effort had so little success that she turned away her face.

"It would be the greatest thing on God's earth," declared Allan, with an almost religious fervor of tone. He walked around where he could look at her, dropping upon the sand at her side.

"Never mind about that now," he said. "You're about to get your life or keep even though a man should save it. If you gave it for gratitude's sake it would be no true gift. I want you, dear, without any reason."

"Nobility but you?"

"I thought I was afraid!" The rest of her words Allan broke on the lips that would say them with his own. A moment later he said triumphantly:

"Well, I don't know why you care for me, but I know it isn't jealousy!"

"How do you know it isn't jealousy?" asked Julia, with a suspicion of a tear on her lashes.

"If it is, then we'll change jealousy to another page in the dictionary," he cried joyously.

An amusing case of experience through one's appearance is related by a lady who went into a cobbler's shop in a town in Scotland and left a pair of rough and ready shoes to be mended. She was plainly dressed as a traveler and evidently made no particular impression on the mind of the shoe mender. In a few days, on returning from some festive occasion, the lady stopped her carriage at the cobbler's door and went inside into the shop to get her shoes. But the man told her he had no shoes belonging to her, and when she pointed them out he saty refused to let her have them, insisting that they did not belong to her. She left, determined to get the shoes of the police if necessary to obtain her property, but the next day she concluded to try again. This time she was more successful, but as the man handed her shoes to her he told her that a strange woman in a carriage had tried to get them away from him.

"She was a sight bonnier than yourself, but I wun no carried awa' y' self," he said as he handed her the shoes, and the owner of the shoes realized that she was another sort of woman in her traveling gown and bore no resemblance to her other self in party attire. It was a case of mistaken identity.

Grave Robbers.

Dr. William Williams Keen in a book on the subject tells some interesting things about the man who used to rob graves and sell the bodies to medical schools. Dickens' Jerry Cruncher in "A Tale of Two Cities" was a "resurrectionist" by night. In 1828 Dr. Keen says there were more than 100 regular professional grave robbers in London, besides occasional volunteers. They did a large business in a perfectly organized manner. "Sometimes," remarks Dr. Keen, "they picked up cases of apoplexy in the street, carried them to the hospital and sold them as relatives to the hospital and as relatives claimed and removed them after death to sell to anatomists." The resurrectionists presently began to create subjects for dissection—in other words, to murder people.

William Burke gave his name to the crime of burking, or throttling, murdered sixteen persons before he was caught. His trial, of "unexampled length," said the Judge in charging the jury, lasted twenty-four hours. It was the very atrocity of Burke and his fellows that brought about such change of laws that medical colleges no longer have to deal with resurrectionists and starved the professional grave robbers out of business.

The Armenian and Catholic Church.

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THE generally accepted fact that the existence of the beloved tariff tax is not threatened this fall may prove to be of much local value to the people of Philadelphia.

FOR the information of "Tax-Payer" the editor reiterates for about the five hundredth time that all anonymous communications received at this office are either fired into the waste-basket, or held subject to the receipt of the name of the authors.

IN an apologetic sense editor Saylor of the Pottstown Blade is advised that the editor of the INDEPENDENT was unable to be present, eat ox meat, and listen to Democratic oratory at Ringing Rocks Park, Saturday afternoon. It is indeed a very probable assumption that editor Saylor listened to Mr. Berry from start to finish.

THE suggestion has been made that the Republicans nominate Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, of Lower Merion, for Governor, next year. Splendid suggestion; almost too good to be accepted by any political condition. Though past seventy summers, Mr. MacVeagh's brilliant intellect manifests no perceptible diminution in its penetrating and analyzing power. The people of Pennsylvania may well hope for the privilege to elect the famous diplomat, statesman, and scholar, of Lower Merion, to fill the Executive chair at Harrisburg.

WHAT is properly termed a gigantic Anglo-Jap Alliance has been announced from London, by the terms of which the British Empire and the Empire of Japan serve tacit notice on the world that hereafter the two contracting nations purpose dominating the Far East; maintaining the general peace in Asia and India and the preservation of the interests of all the Powers in China by insuring the integrity of China and the principle of equal opportunity for the commerce of all nations; maintaining the territorial rights of Great Britain and Japan in Eastern Asia and India and the defense of their special interests therein. The other Powers are warned that they must surrender ambitions of territorial aggrandizement. Very good.

IN opening the Republican campaign in Ohio, at Bellfontaine, last week, Senator Foraker declared his opposition to Federal control of railroad rates, as proposed by President Roosevelt, and asserted that such power must not be assumed by the Government. Unless the President has changed his views, Senator Foraker's declaration is significant. The President has been too outspoken and definite in his observations as to tariff revision, railroad rebates, and so forth, to suit Bourbon and corporation-favored Senators of the Foraker type, who are just cunning enough to attack the weakest point in the President's platform, and thus lessen, perhaps, the power of his influence in shaping legislation antagonistic to the interests of Governmental favorites.

THE Government scored a decisive victory in its battle with the Beef Trust in the U. S. Court at Chicago, Thursday, when four officials of the firm of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger pleaded guilty of conspiracy to extort rebates from railroads and paid fines amounting to \$25,000. The Armour, Swifts, and others of the great packing Trust are not presumed to be enjoying life particularly well since Thursday, especially in view of the fact that it is recognized by the prosecution that the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger firm is the least culpable of those charged with violating the anti-trust and anti-rebate laws. This firm is shown to have ceased its illegal practices when the famous injunction of Judge Grosscup was issued; the others, whose cases are yet to be disposed of, are charged with contemptuously ignoring the injunction. They deserve no mercy at the hands of Uncle Sam.

REPRESENTATIVES, previously elected at primaries by 40,000 voters, met last week in Convention in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, and nominated a "People's Anti-Gang Ticket" as follows: Sheriff, Wilson H. Brown; Coroner, J. Murray Rush Jermon; County Commissioners, Edward A. Anderson, Rudolph Blankenburg. In addition, the Convention nominated Common Pleas Judge Craig Biddle and Orphans' Court Judge Morris Dallett to succeed themselves, thus endorsing the principle of a non-partisan judiciary. The Democrats of Philadelphia have since endorsed the nominees of the Reformers' convention. Rain, hail, snow, and a hurricane may be expected the day after the November election in Philadelphia, this year of grace and American independence. The fashion ticket is admitted on all sides to be a very strong one, and the regular Republican organization of the Quaker City has the municipal fight of its life ahead of it. The result will be awaited with very much public interest throughout the country. At this distance it would seem that the cause of reform is at present being more endangered by the sweeping and abusive statements of some of its journalistic supporters than by the efforts of the "gang."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Sept. 21, 1905. —The department of justice turns up so many queer cases, but it is not often that it has the pleasure of capturing a real pirate. Yet this is the news that has just come to it from Victoria where the authorities have laid hold of as real a pirate and as choice a band of outlaws as ever hoisted the black flag. The captain of the vessel in question is an American named McLean and his vessel has been variously known as the Carmencia, the Acapulco and several other names that do not figure in marine directories. The American authorities have been after McLean for a long time and during his last cruise, covering about sixteen months, they knew as a rule where he was. But like the illicit pearl poacher of Kipling's story, he had changed the name and registry of his vessel so often that it was hard to take him without

danger of international complications. At last, however, it was learned that the Mexican government, whose flag he was flying, had repudiated his papers, and an American revenue cutter was sent after him. Before he was laid aboard, however, he was taken by the Canadian authorities and is now awaiting the disposal of the Department of Justice at Victoria.

McLean's story is about as romantic as one could expect to find in these prosaic days. He was a pelagic sealer and the authorities, though they suspected him and kept the secret service on his trail, were not able to get the proper evidence to convict him. He was crafty in keeping within the letter of the law and stayed outside of the three mile limit where American or English warships could have taken him. Finally when this government and that of Great Britain, which have an agreement between them protecting the sealing on the Pribyloff Islands, when these governments both got after him at once, McLean

changed the name and registry of his vessel to Norwegian. Then he hoisted the Mexican flag and called his schooner the Acapulco. It was suspected that his papers were forged or at best irregular, but he managed to keep out of the way of the British and American sealing patrols. He raided the Russian seal islands and had a brush with the Russian patrol in which one of his men was so badly wounded that he had to be sent to Vancouver for treatment. The Mexican government finally repudiated his papers and he was then as genuine a pirate as had ever been afloat since the days of Captain Kidd.

It was under this condition that he was captured by the Canadian authorities at Vancouver. Captain McLean, who has changed his own name as often as that of his vessel, will have a beautifully thrilling story to tell when he comes up for trial. There will be several indictments against him and anyone who is fond of thrilling narrative cannot do better than to watch for the captain's own recital of his exploits.

Turning to more peaceful topics, the consulting engineers of the Canal Board are at last to visit the Isthmus of Panama with a view of perfecting plans for the interoceanic canal. Of course what the general public would like to see would be more canal and less plans. But the engineers cannot be hurried. One of the latest suggestions that has been put before them by a competent New York engineer is to build a big dam at sea level on each side of the isthmus and convert much of the intervening space into two huge lakes, which would, it is said, do away with many of the sanitary problems by converting the unhealthy land into water. Whether this plan will be adopted is not known. As it did not originate with the board of consulting engineers, it probably will be turned down. At the same time it is more or less in line with the policy that the board is adopting to protect themselves from yellow fever. They are going to Panama on the steamer Havana, and will make it their headquarters while inspecting the isthmus, taking daily trips ashore but returning from the unhealthy mainland to their vessel at night. No yellow fever for the commission if they can avoid it.

Speaking of yellow fever, the reports of the Marine Hospital from New Orleans contain the mysterious suggestion that perhaps the elusive germ of the fever has been corralled after all. There have been a great many autopsies performed on yellow fever cadavers and the Marine Hospital promises some "important statements" when its report is finally made public. These statements probably will be of the "important if true" variety. There might be more interest awaiting them if the Marine Hospital had not once before discovered the germ of yellow fever only to find later that it was hog cholera. But perhaps they will have better luck this time.

There will be a great deal doing in the West Indian waters this winter whether the canal is really started or not. Admiral Dewey has returned to Washington and is perfecting plans for the winter cruise of the Atlantic squadron in Caribbean waters. The actual manoeuvres will be conducted by Admiral "Bob" Evans. There will be an interesting addition to the squadron in the shape of the four great new protected cruisers, the Pennsylvania, the West Virginia, the Colorado and the Maryland. They will form a separate division under Rear Admiral Browson, and their performance will be watched with considerable interest. Germany is taking a great but "friendly" interest in the manoeuvres.

OUR ENORMOUS EGG CROP.

The egg and poultry earnings of the United States for one recent year amounted to \$280,000,000. Such an amount is sufficiently amazing as it stands, but you don't get its full significance until you study the relative financial values of other "industries." We find, for instance, that the total value of the gold, silver, wool and sheep produced in America during the year in question was \$272,434,310. The sugar production of the country the same year was but \$20,000,000. The great American hog, consumed at home and abroad, brought \$186,529,035. The value of oats crop was \$78,984,900. Potatoes grown in the United States were valued at nearly as large a sum as were the oats. The product of tobacco plantations was estimated to be worth \$35,579,225. Cotton, the dethroned king of staples, could show only \$259,101,640 against the magnificent earnings of its feathered rival. The

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